

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

_____ITASCA_____ District FY06 EQIP

List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address. Itasca County has a variety of land uses including forestry, agriculture, recreation, mining and wildlife. The water quality of most lakes, rivers and streams is very good. To maintain and improve the water quality of the county is a high priority for producers, local government units, the Itasca SWCD and timber and mining companies. The highest weighted factors reinforce this local priority. EQIP applications that address water quality, grazing, and forestry resource concerns will receive the highest weighted modifiers. EQIP provides technical and cost share assistance to agricultural producers as defined in part 440 of the Conservation Programs Manual.

1. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:
2. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district or for each geographic region. Weight must be between 1 and 5:

Factor	Resource Priority	Geographic Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	Medium		3
A2 Gully Control	Low		2
B1 Water Resource	High		4
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	Medium		3
C Wildlife Habitat	Medium		4
D Air Quality	Low		1
E Impaired Water	High		5
F Distance	Medium		3
G Grazing System	Medium		4
H Forest Mgt.	High		5
Additional Local*			

* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored.

3. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.
4. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 06 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group from the 9-20-2005 meeting at the Blandin Foundation.

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